

NIGHT BLAZE RUINS SKIRT FACTORY BUILDING ON SOUTH THIRD STREET

1200 COAL MINERS STRIKE IN PANTHER CREEK VALLEY

Workers Quit Again After One Day's Work Following Walkout

PANTHERVILLE, Pa., May 23.—After but one day's work and an idleness of three weeks, due to a strike, 1200 miners are again out at the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, in the Panther Creek Valley.

IGNORED UNION CARMEN TO HOLD MASS-MEETING

Will Submit Situation to Members Following Rebuff by P. R. T. Head

Harry P. Flynn, president of Division 477, maligned Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, announced today that a mass-meeting would be held within 24 hours.

WAITE STAKES LIFE AGAINST A MILLION

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E. Peck January 20, told the underwriter "there will be another of these trips soon."

CHARACTER UPHELD

On the testimony of Dr. Richard W. Muller, formerly Peck's personal physician, the young dentist went into the court record as a "perfect gentleman who could talk well on any subject from art to war."

GAZES AT 'THE FATES'

The witnesses, in addition to Schultze and Vaughn, were Dr. Stanley Benedict, Richard H. Timmerman, the druggist who furnished the medicine for the fatal attack, and Undertaker Sprattler, of Grand Rapids, who buried Mrs. Peck.

SEVEN PRIESTS TO CELEBRATE

Seventeen priests in the Diocese of Philadelphia are today celebrating the 45th anniversary of their ordination. Three of them are stationed in this city.

MARK KOHN A SUICIDE

Peddler, Well Known in South Philadelphia, Dies by Gas

Mark Kohn, a hosiery peddler, of 817 Ritten street, was found dead in the kitchen of his home this morning by his wife.

NEGRO BISHOPS ASSIGNED

Among the negro bishops attending the quadrennial conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the following have been assigned for the next two years as follows:

Announce They Were Wed Last July

Mrs. Elmer E. McKee, in her apartments, gratulations of her friends today, her marriage to Doctor McKee, following an elopement last July, having just been announced.

Negro Accidentally Killed by Companion

John Ward, 18 years old, a negro, of 2322 West York street, was accidentally shot in the abdomen by Edward Johnson, 23 years old, of the same address, and died shortly afterward in the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital.

Held as Pickpocket Suspect

Tony Magie, 2440 North Van Pelt street, missed his pocketbook, containing \$30, yesterday, while riding on a trolley car.

Hallam Burn Enemy Aeroplane

ROME, May 23.—A naval flying squadron defeated and burned an enemy aeroplane in the upper Adriatic last night, says an official dispatch.

U. S. BUYS LAND TO STRENGTHEN CANAL DEFENSE

Four Times Territory Now Comprising Zone to Be Acquired

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Details of the gigantic scheme for the protection of the Panama Canal which includes the acquisition of about four times the territory now comprising the zone of defense, have been made public.

EUROPEAN WAR LESSON

The confidential report of a special "Defense Committee" made up of officers from several branches of the army, acting with a naval officer, has convinced the military authorities of the necessity of acquiring and defending a zone of defense of 40 miles wide, with the canal in the center, instead of the present 10-mile strip.

Under the terms of the treaty with Panama, the United States has this day acquired the right to acquire the zone of defense necessary for the protection of the canal.

There are few private owners in the contemplated acquisition.

In addition to the acquiring of several tracts of land, the United States has today acquired the right to acquire the zone of defense necessary for the protection of the canal.

At the Atlantic end a triangle outlined by the Chagres River, the Atlantic Ocean and Port Limon Bay has been taken over.

L. W. W. MOB OF 1000 HOLDS TOWN 2 HOURS

Prevent 700 Miners From Going to Work at Old Forge. Many Beaten

SCRANTON, Pa., May 23.—A mob of 1000 men, said to be Industrial Workers of the World, followed by 200 women, invaded Old Forge, near here, today, taking possession of the town and holding the people at bay for two hours.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

COOKING and downstairs work small factory good wages. References. Press. 1000

SITUATIONS WANTED-FEMALE

LADY, who recommends for employment on the coast, will accept of a position in a hotel or restaurant. Write to Mrs. J. H. Baker, 1000

HELP WANTED-MALE

WANTED-A few high-grade mechanics on the light work. Working conditions and highest wages are offered. Send resume to: Mr. J. H. Baker, 1000

FOUR MARRIED MEN FOR STOCK FARM

FOUR MARRIED MEN who wish to return to the country under a stock farm, are now in possession of a stock farm, 1000

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WILL PUSH IMPROVEMENT PLANS, IGNORING SEGER AND TRAINER, HE SAYS

FOR BUSINESS METHODS

Defends Tax Rate Increase and Declares He Has People's Confidence

Mayor Smith today outlined his plans for making the transit and general loan bills give the city a business administration and the people can depend upon it that affairs will be conducted along strict business lines.

"The tax rate bugaboo is not worrying me. I don't care what Seger and Trainer do or say. Such pullbacks in Councils won't make any headway with me or the people by selling tax rate increases. I am going to give this city a business administration and the people can depend upon it that affairs will be conducted along strict business lines.

GOVERNOR LOCKS HORNS WITH PENROSE IN FIGHT TO LEAD DELEGATION

Continues to Claim 44 of 76 Delegates and Will Wage Battle for the Chairmanship

RIVALS LINE UP FORCES

Governor Brumbaugh personally will oppose Senator Penrose for chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation to the Republican National Convention. This was announced today in Harrisburg in the course of a statement in which the supporters of the Governor's campaign against the senator continued to maintain that they have elected 44 of the 76 delegates.

As viewed by the Penrose people, the senator's one ambition now is to go to the national councils of the party with the endorsement of Pennsylvania as State leader, and they regard him as an active candidate for National Convention.

The Brumbaugh fight will be concentrated between now and the convention to prevent his election as chairman of the delegation at 4th and Wharton streets. At that time he will be in the city to receive the election of the Governor, because Governor Brumbaugh received the highest vote for delegate at large to the convention. They contend that this is a recognition of his leadership.

"I am daily in consultation with men best fitted to aid the city in its big undertakings. Take the transit situation, I am busy trying to get the city out of its economic committee in the newspapers. I am working quietly with men who can aid me, and when my plans are complete they will be ready to go to work. The plan to split the general loan into two parts was long ago considered. You did not hear me talking about it. You learned it in the newspaper. It is a sample of what we are doing in our effort to get the city running as a business proposition. Joe Gaffney is a level-headed man, and the plan to split the loan had his approval. If he says it will raise the rate 5 cents, then he knows what he is doing.

"This tax rate increase talk has been shot up by the pulpit and the press. I use it at every opportunity. I have my plans for raising revenue and for providing for the city's needs and deficits, but I am not talking about it until the proper time arrives. The people can rest assured that this will not be a wasteful administration, if I can prevent it. We will have to spend money for improvements planned, but it will be money well and carefully spent. I believe the administration has the city behind it and that it is now the duty of the city to pay the charges will be imposed where they can be avoided."

"I see no reason why I should enter into any controversy with Trainer or Seger as to the tax rate. I intend to do so. I don't care what they say. They will not help, they certainly cannot hinder us. Business is the keynote of my ideas and a business basis for all the improvement work is being quietly worked out by men thoroughly capable to handle the proposition. If the men who are attempting to hamper the Administration think they will gain anything by it, let them so ahead. Anything they start will be finished in Council. I do not mean to take a hand in Councilman's troubles other than to see that any obstruction methods come to nothing."

"I do not mean to run away from any lengthy vacations this summer and mean to be right on the job to see that the improvements now planned are not hampered or hindered. The tax rate question will be settled at the right time, but now it can only be raised with a view to obtaining trouble. The people can rest certain that no unnecessary tax will be placed upon them and that the present tax rate talk has been started with the sole object of causing agitation in Councils."

TRANSIT LOAN APPROVED

The transit loan of \$47,100,000 is approved by the Council and will be reported to Council tomorrow. The \$47,100,000 general loan, under the Gaffney plan, will be split into two unequal parts. The first loan, which will be for general improvements, will be in round figures \$44,485,000. This will be sold as 30-year bonds; the second loan will in round figures be \$2,615,000. Bonds for this loan will be sold for five years. This loan covers the maintenance items for 1916 and deficiency bills incurred in previous years.

Chairman Gaffney said that a sinking fund of 23 per cent. will have to be provided, which means an increase of six cents in the tax rate. These three loans total \$47,100,000, the amount needed here today. The change was made to prevent the interest charges on maintenance and deficiency items for 19 years. The suggestion was the approval of the Law Department of the city and of the Mayor's Department.

HUGHES SENTIMENT STRONG IN MISSOURI DELEGATION

Leaning to Roosevelt Unknown Quantity in Discussions

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—When the Missouri delegation to the Republican National Convention, at St. Louis, met here today, Hughes sentiment was strong. Early arrivals ventured the opinion that the Supreme Court Justice would receive Missouri's votes, though they said "one can never tell."

Hughes sentiment was an unknown quantity in the early discussions. With the arrival of the delegates, however, various shapes and sizes made their appearance. There was a boom for Charles Nagel, a former Secretary of Commerce, as a vice-presidential candidate.

Former Governor Hadley was on the job early, pledging votes that would assure him the chairmanship of the delegation at Chicago. Mr. Hadley was assured of the vote of 25 of the 25 voters.

Marcus Hook Pastor Resigns

Announcement has been made that the Rev. Charles A. Engle, pastor of the Marcus Hook Baptist Church, has tendered his resignation. The resignation is to be effective June 1. It was not mentioned, but it is believed that the resignation is due to a change of location.

40 Give Skin to Aid Burned Woman

CLEVELAND, May 23.—Forty young women have submitted to skin grafting operations in an attempt to save the life of Mrs. Mayme A. Bennett, 20 years old, who was seriously burned when her clothing caught fire from an open grate. Eighteen of these who made the sacrifice are nurses at Bedford Hospital.

PRUDEN NOT PRUDENT IN HIS SOCIABLE GOSSIP WITH DETECTIVE

His Display of Watches, Neckties, Pipes and Keys Starts Him Back to Asylum by Way of Police Station

James Pruden is not prudent. Hence his name does not fit him to a T. But he is veracious, as befits a namesake of the "Truthful James" of Western lyric.

When Pruden, accused by District Detective Thornton at 33d and Chestnut streets last night, replied that he had plenty of time on his hands, he proved his remark by producing six watches from his bulging pockets and exhibited them to Thornton. As further attestation of his sociability Pruden displayed seven pipes and offered a bunch of keys to the officer. Nine neckties of various patterns furnished added proof of Pruden's freedom of taste and selection.

Thornton, sociable in turn, suggested that time which hung heavily on one's hands on a rainy night might pass more pleasantly within doors, and conducted Pruden to the police station at 32d street and Woodland avenue. There Pruden's imprudence manifested itself. He admitted that he had absconded last Saturday from the New Jersey State Insane Asylum at Morris Plains, and had displayed his wealth to Thornton, not knowing the latter was a police officer. He left the institution, he said, because his wife and daughter hadn't answered his letters, and he intended to look them up and ascertain the reason for their dereliction. He hadn't heard from them during the ten years he has lived at Morris Plains, he said, although, like himself, they had plenty of time on their hands.

Magistrate Harris sent Pruden to City Hall this morning to await the coming of officials from the New Jersey institution.

BRUMBAUGH TO SPEAK AT GOOD ROADS MEET

Normal Institute and Agricultural Experts Will Hear Him at Reading Tonight

READING, Pa., May 23.—Announcement was made at the opening session here today of the annual Normal institute and spring meeting of the State Board of Agriculture that Governor Brumbaugh will make an address at tonight's good roads meeting, which will be a feature of the convention.

The convention is made up of members of the State Poultry Society, the Pennsylvania Bee Keepers' Association and delegates elected by the various county agricultural societies. Governor Brumbaugh is ex-officio president of the society.

Mayor Filbert delivered the address of welcome at the opening session of the convention today. It will continue Wednesday and Thursday, the program being made up of addresses on good roads, crops, methods of feeding stock, etc.

NAVAL PREPAREDNESS BILL CAUSES A SHARP TILT IN THE HOUSE

Democrats, Bent on Passing it Before Republican Convention, Accused of Trickery by Minority Leader Mann

MAKE COUNTER CHARGE

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Efforts of Democratic leaders for consideration of the naval preparedness bill next week and pass it before the Republican convention convened developed bitter debate in the House today. The bill, which was introduced by the House on May 17, is a measure to rush the bill through without debate, or to keep Republican Congressmen from attending the national convention.

Democratic Leader Kitchin reported that the country insists an adequate naval bill be passed, and does not expect the Republican minority to prolong the debate for a longer period than necessary.

Mann declared President Wilson has told the Democratic House what he wants and that the House will meekly obey his wishes. "It is a matter of policy with us Democrats," said Kitchin, "to pass this bill before the Republican convention. If we don't do it, you folks will go out to Chicago and charge us with failing to fulfill our pledges. If we cannot get unanimous consent for the naval bill, we propose to force night sessions to get it through."

The debate ended without any agreement and the prospects now are that the Democratic leaders will use the "rule" to demand "all or nothing" minority members of the Naval Committee will file their report tomorrow providing authorization of a sufficient number of warships and men to place the American navy in second place among world powers.

The report is being drafted by Representative Kelly, Michigan; Butler, Pennsylvania; Stephens, California; Brown, Illinois; and Roberts, Massachusetts. It will also be signed by Farr, Pennsylvania; Browning, New Jersey, and Mudd, Maryland.

They would provide for eight first-line ships—six battle cruisers and two dreadnoughts; 10 submarines; 10 destroyers, a corresponding number of auxiliary ships and 30,000 additional men. The committee bill provides for five battle cruisers, 20 submarines, 12,500 additional men and a relatively smaller number of auxiliary ships.

PHILADELPHIA FOR MAYOR

Amos F. Brehman Boomed by Ventnor Friends

VENTNOR CITY, May 23.—This cottage resort, the summer home of many Philadelphians, who own or lease villas at from \$1000 to \$4000 for a season's occupancy, is talking of Amos F. Brehman, a retired Philadelphia, for its next Mayor.

Mr. Brehman a few days ago proposed the erection of a palatial clubhouse on the beachfront for its permanent residents and diversions for its transient guests and summer cottagers. The suggestion met with popular approval and started a majority campaign, which has gained considerable strength.

Philadelphians and former Philadelphians who now live in Ventnor throughout the year have had a voice in the management of the affairs of the city of which they are proud.

LANDMARKS IN DANGER AT THIRD STREET FIRE; WORSHIPERS ALARMED

Several Flee From Historic St. Joseph's in Willing's Alley. Skirt Factory Damage Put at \$100,000

OWNER NEAR COLLAPSE

Landmarks were threatened, two firemen overcome, worshippers in church driven to the street and dense smoke, like asphyxiating gas, rolled in volumes for many blocks, covering almost the whole neighborhood, when fire damaged the building owned by Pestcoe Brothers & Co., skirt manufacturers, at 216-218 South 3d street, to the extent of \$100,000 last night.

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SEEKS JAIL TO ESCAPE DRUG HABIT'S TERRORS

Youth Arrested Twice for Stealing to Buy Dope Begs for Sentence

Phillip Della, 17 years old, a self-confessed drug victim, begged Magistrate Baker today to send him to jail to escape the terrors of his habit.

The boy admitted that he spent all the money he stole upon drugs. He was pale and ragged. "I'm tired of it all," he said. "Please send me somewhere so I can't get the drugs." Della said he was addicted to the use of heroin and cocaine.

One year ago, according to the police, he was arrested for peddling drugs to school children at 4th and Wharton streets. At that time he was held in \$10,000 bail by the Federal authorities and was later released.

The youthful prisoner was so cold in the cell this morning that the turnkey of the 3d and Dickinson streets station provided him blankets. He trembled constantly while pleading with the Magistrate.

Last week he was held in \$800 bail for stealing. A few days later he was arrested for stealing a coat and hat from a store. He was held in \$10,000 bail by the Federal authorities and was later released.

UNDERTAKERS OPEN SESSION AT SCRANTON

Nine County Funeral Directors' Association Begins Annual Meeting

SCRANTON, Pa., May 23.—Undertakers from many parts of the State are here for the annual sessions of the Nine County Funeral Directors' Association.

The convention opened this afternoon, the delay in getting started being due to the Knights Templar parade.

Prof. H. S. Eckels, of Philadelphia Training School of Embalming, is to address the undertakers and give a demonstration of the projectoscope.

Edward Lewis, State president, of Pittsburgh, and Charles W. Gawicki, national president, of Washington, D. C., are also to address the convention.

The delegates will be guests of the local undertakers tonight at dinner and dances at the Elks Club. The business sessions will be resumed tomorrow.

LIEUTENANT NICHOLLE BURED

Colleagues in Fire Department Attend Funeral Ceremony

The funeral of Lieutenant Theodore Nicholle, 35 years old, had been held at Engine Company No. 37, at Hill and Shawnee avenues, Chestnut Hill, last place this afternoon from his residence, 225 East 37th street, and was conducted at Trinity Lutheran Church, Germantown avenue and Queen Lane, by the Rev. Luther DeLoe, the pastor. They were attended by the members of Engine Company No. 37, as well as the lieutenants of all the companies in the Bureau of Fire.

After the service, the men escorted the body to Ivy Hill Cemetery, where interment took place.

Held for Man's Death After Fight

Frank McGinness, of 218 Wilder street, today was held without bail to await the action of the Coroner in connection with the death of Daniel Raggio, of 2028 North 9th street. The prisoner said that Raggio struck him with a pipe several weeks ago and again attacked him last Friday in self-defense. McGinness told Magistrate Baker he struck Raggio and knocked him down. His head struck the curbstone and he died of his injuries at the Philadelphia Hospital.

MEMORIAL DAY-ATLANTIC CITY

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—Special trains for Broad and Center streets will leave Atlantic City at 10:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

Job Post Dead

JOHN R. POST, of 1000 Montgomery County from 1859 to 1914, died at his home in Norristown, aged 71 years. He was a former chairman of the Democratic County Committee. He was born in New Hanover Township.

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